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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7632

BILL NUMBER: SB 408

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 20, 2007

BILL AMENDED: Mar 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Programs for High Ability Students.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lubbers

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Porter

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Revised) This bill changes reference in school corporation annual report from "gifted and talented" to "high ability".

The bill changes the criteria for awarding grants to school corporations for high ability programs.

The bill requires a school corporation to establish a program for high ability students consistent with federal, state, local, and private funding sources and sets forth requirements for assessments to identify high ability students.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill requires that the high ability grants the Department of Education makes to local schools be based on a set minimum amount increased by an additional amount for each student in a high ability program. This grant is subject to the available appropriations.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) Local school corporations are required to establish a program for high ability students. To date, four school corporation have not applied for the state gifted and talented grant. Currently 243 of the 323 schools corporations reported approximately \$18 M in expenditures on gifted and talented programs in their biannual financial report. (A school corporation may receive a grant but not separate the expenditure as gifted and talented for reporting purposes.)

A school that receives a high ability grant from the state is required to submit an annual report to the Department of Education that includes what programs the grant was used and the result of the programs. The reporting requirement could increase school's administrative costs, but the cost is probably minor.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local Schools.

Information Sources:

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